

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 5, 2008 has been received and carefully reviewed. Applicant notes with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that objected claim 27 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the above amendment, claim 27 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 18, and 20 were amended to include the features of cancelled claim 27, whereby claims 1, 8, 11, 13-26, and 28-30 are currently pending. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 8, 11, 13-26, and 28-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Holler 6,134,849 and Jones 5,842,667. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these claim rejections is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 and the corresponding dependent claims 8, 11, 13-17, 19, 25, 26, and 28 involve a flying arrangement including a flying unit and a hall with boundary means that allow the flying unit to fly freely within the boundaries of the hall. Claim 1 has been amended above to recite a tunnel assembly as per cancelled claim 27 including self looping flying tunnels providing a closed path through which the at least one flying unit can move. As claim 27 formerly depended directly from independent claim 1 and was indicated as allowable if rewritten into independent form, amended independent claim 1 is now believed to be allowable, and notice thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, the remaining dependent claims 8, 11, 13-17, 19, 25, 26, and 28 are also believed to be in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependence from amended independent claim 1, whereby reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 8, 11, 13-17, 19, 25, 26, and 28 is respectfully requested under 35 U.S.C. §103.

The features of objected claim 27 were also added to independent claims 18 and 20 by the above amendment, whereby these claims and their associated dependent claims 21-24, 29, and 30 are also believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant accordingly requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 18, 20-24, 29, and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103.

CONCLUSION

For at least the above reasons, the currently pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and notice thereof is requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 06-0308, PSEE200021.

Respectfully submitted,

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